

SUBJECT: Cesar Chavez

FILE: 44- 51593

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Date: 1/27/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-869)(RUC)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CAESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY
(OO:SC)

Re WFO teletype to Director and Sacramento, 1/26/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM
captioned and dated as above.

Enclosed for information of Sacramento are two copies
of same LHM in view of Kern County, California, being in
Sacramento territory. Enclosed for information of San Francisco
are two copies of same LHM in view of regional offices of U.S.
Treasury, ATFD, being located in San Francisco.

Investigation at WDC conducted by SAs [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

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It is noted that in relation to STEPHAN I. SCHLOSSBERG's
intentions to see the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of
the Civil Rights Division, he advised he would try to make an
appointment either on 1/27/72, 1/28/72, or 2/3/72.

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 5)
2 - Sacramento (Enc. 2) (Info)
2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2) (Info)
2 - WFO

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Special Agent in Charge

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It is further noted that of the group interviewed at WFO, only COHEN and SHEARS possess direct information in this matter. Complete signed statements not obtained from them at WFO due to the tightness of their schedule and most of their evidence being in California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 27, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CAESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY

On January 26, 1972, E. J. Moran, Administrative Assistant to the President of the United Auto Workers (UAW), telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to arrange an appointment to register a complaint of a murder plot to kill Caesar Chavez, prominent spokesman for farm labor workers in California. He advised UAW assistance had been requested by the United Farm Workers (UFW) organizing committee in presenting this matter. An appointment was made and at 4:00 p.m., Stephen I. Schlossberg, General Counsel, UAW, Detroit, Michigan; Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, UFW, Delano, California; Paul Schrade, Western Region Director, UAW, Los Angeles, California; and Larry S. Shears, former informant for the United States Treasury Department, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD), Bakersfield, California, appeared at the Washington Field Office and provided the following information:

~~Richard Daryl Pedigo~~
In an undercover capacity, Shears was acquainted with Richard Daryl Pedigo, caucasian male, date of birth, August 9, 1947, residence 508 Castro Lane, Bakersfield, California, whom he described as a narcotics peddler and arson hit man. In the summer of 1971, Pedigo asked Shears for his assistance in murdering Chavez, for which Pedigo had received a \$30,000 contract, allegedly from farmers in the Delano, California, area. Shears went along and provided information to ATFD in this regard. Pedigo was subsequently arrested by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, California, for arson and sale and possession of dangerous drugs, before the plot was carried out. The contract money was allegedly returned to the Delano farmers and the feeling is that the contract has been let to someone else. Schlossberg intends to personally contact the United

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States Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Civil Rights Division to request an investigation along the lines of previous FBI Civil Rights investigations of attempts to kill and the killing of persons prominent in Civil Rights activities. The feeling of the group is that local authorities in California are too closely tied politically to the Delano farmers to conduct a thorough investigation of the alleged plot to kill Chavez. They feel that Chavez has become an international spokesman for minority groups and a before the fact investigation would be better than an after the fact attempt to identify the murderers.

Schlossberg feels that the FBI is the only agency capable of handling this investigation and that jurisdiction is available under Title 18, United States Code, Section 241. --He also indicated that ATFD is in possession of evidence which, if not handled properly, would be detrimental to this case.

Cohen was advised in December, 1971, by ATFD that their case is closed in this matter and the group feels this matter was mishandled by ATFD and the local authorities.

Cohen furnished the attached copies of an ATFD voucher and check showing a \$500 payment to Shears for "information and evidence necessary to identify Richard Pedigo and those persons who are providing Pedigo the funds to arrange the arson and murder of Caesar Chavez."

[REDACTED] states that approximately \$22,000 was in the icebox at Pedigo's residence at the time of the search and arrest, but Pedigo's mother claimed the money was hers and she was allowed to keep it. The group feels that this was probably some of the contract money and has been returned to the Delano farmers.

Cohen also made available a copy of the official transcript of a preliminary hearing on September 14, 1971, in Pedigo's narcotics case in which it is revealed that an ATFD

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Agent disclosed Shears identity as an informant in the Pedigo matter after Shear had been promised by ATFD that this would not be done.

Schlossberg advised that the UAW, as well as UFW, has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Shears has in his possession, in California, numerous tape recordings of conversations between himself and others involved. Cohen is having transcripts of these recordings made.

Since Shears identity as an informant has been made public knowledge, he is fearful of being harmed. He recently found five sticks of dynamite wired under the dashboard of his automobile.

All members of the group were leaving WDC shortly, but provided the following addresses as to where they could be located: *General Counsel, UFW, 1000 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.*

Stephen I. Schlossberg
800 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214

Phone: (313) 926-5216

Jerry Cohen
P.O. Box 130
Delano, California 93205
Phone: (805) 725-9726 (Office)
(805) 725-8278 (Home)

Larry S. Shears
425 Fairfax
Bakersfield, California
Phone: (805) 366-5491

LARRY S. SHEARS

Future arrangements for a trial date
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1970, 3:00 P.M.
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Paul Schrade
1927 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90006
Phone: (381-2346)

Right now, I don't know exactly where he is.
Cohen advised that Chavez resides and maintains his office at Keene, located about 23 miles southeast of Bakersfield, California. He said Delano is about 30 miles north of Bakersfield, and indicated that Bakersfield, Keene and Delano are located in Kern County.

Schlossberg and Schrade advised they have no personal knowledge concerning this matter. Schrade stated he is concerned about the possibility of a tragedy in this matter since he had the misfortune to be with the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy when he was assassinated. Schrade said he and several others were wounded, Schrade having been shot in the head.

The group was advised that the facts would be brought promptly to the attention of the Civil Rights Division for a determination as to the action which should be taken.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service
Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Enforcement
San Francisco, CA 94102

DATE VOUCHER PREPARED

September 27, 1971

SCHEDULE NO.

CONTRACT NUMBER AND DATE

PAID BY

REQUISITION NUMBER AND DATE

PAYEE'S
NAME
AND
ADDRESS

Larry Shears

DATE INVOICE RECEIVED

Mail Check in Care of: William J. Vizzard, Special Investigator, ATF
650 Capitol Mall, Room 3503, Sacramento, CA 95814

PAYEE'S ACCOUNT NUMBER

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\$500.00

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7/20/71
William J. Vizzard
Chief Special Investigator

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(Signature or initials)

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ORDER OF LARRY SHEARS

C/O WILLIAM J VIZZARD SPEC INVEST
650 CAPITOL HILL RD 3508
SACRAMENTO CA 95814

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P. E. French
17th Disbursement Officer

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CAESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY
OO: SC

FILE COPY

DATE: 1/28/72

ATTENTION: Mr. Murphy

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special~~
Agent a memorandum _____ dated 1/27/72,
at _____.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. NOTE: Pursuant to the request of Mr. Murphy on 1/27/72, to SA _____ no investigation is being conducted of this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM : David L. Norman
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

PLM SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Cesar Chavez - Victim
Interference with Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

Please refer to your memorandum dated January 28, 1972, at Washington, enclosing a letterhead memorandum dated January 27, at Washington. Your January 28 memorandum is captioned:

Unknown Subjects;
Caesar Chavez - Victim
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY
OO:SC

Please interview Jerry Cohen for additional details concerning the alleged plot to kill victim. Cohen is supposed to have tapes and copies of information he received from Larry S. Shears. Please obtain copies of same.

The allegation of a plot to kill the victim, if true, could constitute a violation of 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(4)(B).

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Gelt
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Miller, ES
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Daibey
Mr. Cleveland
Mr. Ponder
Mr. Bates
Mr. Walkart
Mr. Walters
Mr. Soyars
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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a/c to SAC, Sacramento
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TO: SAC, Sacramento
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FROM: Director, FBI 44-51593-2

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

2/9/72

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Felt
1 - Mr. Bishop

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ReWFO airtel to Bureau 1/27/72.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 2/7/72.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 5 days of the receipt of this communication.

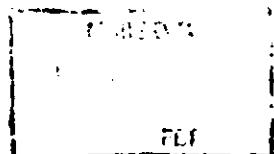
State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a limited investigation.

Advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. David L. Norman, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, WFO (Enclosure)

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NOTE: See cover memorandum McGowan to Bates dated 2/9/72, captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 2/9/72

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Felt
1 - Mr. Bishop

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This involves receipt of complaint by our Washington Field Office (WFO) on 1/26/72 from various representatives of United Auto Workers (UAW) Farm Workers Union (FWU), Delano, California, and one Larry S. Shears, former informant for the U. S. Treasury Department, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD). Shears in undercover capacity had reportedly been requested in summer of 1971, by Richard Daryl Pedigo, California hoodlum to assist in murdering Cesar Chavez, well-known California minority group labor organizer. According to Shears, Pedigo was allegedly paid \$30,000 by Delano, California, farmers for the contract but was arrested by local authorities on arson charges before plot completed, and money returned. However, \$22,000 was found in Pedigo's house at the time of his arrest but this money was claimed by Pedigo's mother and she was allowed to keep it. According to UAW and FWU representatives one Jerry Cohen, General Counsel, FWU, Delano, California, allegedly has additional details of this plot.

UAW and FWU representatives advised our WFO that they intended to contact David L. Norman, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division (CRD), Department, and request an investigation along the lines of previous FBI civil rights investigations because of their belief that Chavez has become an international spokesman for minority groups.

The above information was furnished to CRD on 1/28/72, and by memorandum dated 2/7/72 the CRD requests that Jerry Cohen, previously mentioned, be interviewed as the allegation of a plot to kill Chavez, if true, could constitute a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245 (prohibits interference with Federally Protected Activities).

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Enclosure sent 2-9-72

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McGowan to Bates memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to SAC, Sacramento, instructing that investigation requested by CRD be conducted. Sacramento has previously been furnished with background in this matter. Any persons contacted will be advised investigation is at request of Assistant Attorney General David L. Norman, CRD, U. S. Department of Justice.

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Date: 2/11/72

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM ~~Att~~ SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 2/9/72.

On 2/11/72, JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Delano, California, advised tape recordings concerning LARRY SHEARS are in the possession of JACK LEVY (not further identified) in San Francisco, California, and he, COHEN, and LEVY would make all information received from SHEARS available to the FBI in Bakersfield on 2/15/72. COHEN stated it would not be practical to collect all of the information available prior to that time.

[REDACTED] advised on 2/9/72, that attempts were recently made by their office and the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) to take a detailed statement from LARRY S. SHEARS, which statement

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was started; however, after a lunch break and before any real pertinent information was obtained, SHEARS stated his attorney had advised him against making any further information available.

The interview was then discontinued. SHEARS told [REDACTED] he, SHEARS, had not made any real money out of "this deal" (referring to the alleged CHAVEZ death plot), but he had been furnishing details to JACK LEVY (not further identified), and LEVY "is the guy who's writing the book." KCDA and KCSO have been and are continuing a joint investigation of the alleged plot.

In view of the delay in meeting with COHEN and the mailing time from Bakersfield to Sacramento that will be necessary to forward any material obtained for transmittal to the Bureau, the five day Buded will not be met, and Sacramento will make every attempt to surep by 2/18/72.

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Date: 2/16/72

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ~~JUL 10~~ SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, dated 2/11/72. Bureau airtel to Sacramento, dated 2/9/72 and WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 1/27/72.

Enclosed for information of San Francisco are two copies each of referenced airtels dated 2/11/72 and 2/9/72, and two copies of Departmental Memorandum from AAG DAVID L. NORMAN, dated 2/7/72, captioned as above.

On 2/15/72, JERRY COHEN, Chief Council, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California and ~~JACQUES LEVY~~, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa,

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2 - San Francisco (6) (Enc.)
1 - Sacramento
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California, writer by profession, appeared in Bakersfield, California RA, Sacramento Division. LEVY said he plans to write a book concerning death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ (UFWOC) Director. COHEN has allowed LARRY SHEARS to furnish 20 cassette tapes concerning this matter to ~~LEVY~~ and LEVY made available 10 of these cassettes to FBI, in addition to 374 pages of typed and written information.

The 20 cassette tapes (of approximately 20 minutes duration on each side) are numbered 1 through 40 (2 numbers to each tape). LEVY furnished copies of tapes numbered 1 through 12 and 17 through 24. He said tapes numbered 13 through 16 and 25 through 40 would be copied and made available to FBI at Santa Rosa, California on 2/23/72 or 2/24/72. He suggested telephone call be made to him at Santa Rosa, California 2/23/72 regarding matter. LEVY has requested that these tapes be copied and copies returned to him as soon as possible.

Sacramento intends to request Bureau to make 2 copies each of tapes furnished by LEVY on 2/15/72, 1 copy for office of origin and 1 copy would be sent San Francisco for return to LEVY.

Sacramento will surep 2/18/72.

LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

Make telephone contact with JACQUES LEVY,
4226 Mount Taylor Drive, telephone 542-0609 on 2/23/72.

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arrange to obtain tapes described above and surep with
tapes immediately, with request to Bureau to make 2
copies of each tape, 1 for return to LEVY and 1 for
office of origin.

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TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

FROM: Director, FBI

2/17/72

1 - [REDACTED]

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
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Matter regarding furnishing copies of tapes and other material obtained in this matter to USA Brewster Q. Morgan, EDC, Sacramento, California, discussed with Mr. Frank Allen, Attorney, CRD, Department, who concurs with Brewster's request for same. Allen advised if only one copy of tape available, furnish same to Bureau for delivery to CRD for its review and advise USA of this procedure. Allen requested any other material, documents, etc. obtained that can be duplicated, should be furnished to USA in form suitable for dissemination. UACB do not transcribe any tape(s) obtained.

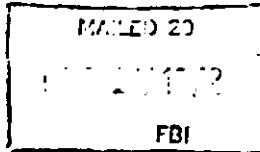
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Conversation with Allen on 2/17/72, set forth above being confirmed in writing.



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Callahan _____
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Civil Rights Division

2/23/72

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
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NOTE:

This will also serve to confirm conversation between Mr. Frank Allen of your Department and Supervisor [REDACTED] on 2/17/72, at which time Mr. Allen advised that if only one copy of tapes available, furnish same to Civil Rights Division (CRD) for review before taking any further action. Enclosed are 10 cassette tapes and one copy of 374 pages of typed and written material. As noted on page 4 of attached report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/18/72, at Sacramento, Mr. Jacques Levy who furnished the 10 cassette tapes has requested the tapes be returned to him as soon as possible. You may desire to return these tapes to Mr. Levy directly upon completion of your review. Other tapes described by Mr. Levy on page 3 of attached report will be furnished to you upon receipt at the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SACRAMENTO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SACRAMENTO	DATE 2/18/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/11 - 15/72
TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS, CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SACRAMENTO	TYPED BY kdw
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE:

Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 2/16/72.

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ENCLOSURES:TO THE BUREAU (12)

Two copies of 374 pages of typed and written material and 10 cassette tapes, all concerning captioned matter. All tapes and one copy of 374 page document are for transmittal to the Department.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau is requested to make two copies of each enclosed cassette tape, one for the office of origin, and one to be returned to San Francisco for delivery to JACQUES LLVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California.

No additional inquiry is necessary in the Sacramento Division regarding this matter at this time. This case will be closed after San Francisco completes investigation requested in referenced airtel and copies of tapes are received from the Bureau.

-- One copy of this report is furnished the United States Attorney at Sacramento at the direction of FRANK ALLEN, Deputy Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division of the Department. One copy is also being furnished San Francisco in view of outstanding investigation there as requested in referenced airtel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Sacramento (Enclosure 1)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Sacramento
Date: January 18, 1972

Field Office File #: SC 44-443 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ -
VICTIMCharacter: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California, and JACQUELS LEVY, writer from Santa Rosa, California, appeared at the Bakersfield, California, Office of the FBI 2/15/72 and made available 10 cassette tapes and 374 pages of information concerning a death plot against UFWOC director CESAR CHAVEZ. Additional tapes will be furnished by LEVY at Santa Rosa.

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ENCLOSURES FOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY, SACRAMENTO

Enclosed are 374 pages of typed and written material concerning titled matter.

DETAILS:These are the results of a limited investigation.

On February 11, 1972, JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California, advised that tape recordings concerning LARRY SHEARS are in the possession of JACQUELS LEVY in San Francisco, California, and he, COHEN, and LEVY would make all information previously received from SHEARS available to the FBI in Bakersfield, California, February 15, 1972.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 2/18/72

JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Post Office Box 130, Delano, California, telephone (805) 725-9726, appeared in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Bakersfield, California, with an individual he introduced as JACQUES LEVY and advised as follows:

All tape recordings and transcripts concerning the death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ, UFWOC Director, are in the possession of LEVY, who has been transcribing them. These tapes were originally obtained from LARRY SHEARS, former informant for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Department of the United States Treasury Department. Mr. LEVY has not transcribed and/or copied all of the tapes involved but will do so in the near future and they will be made available to the FBI.

According to COHEN, many of the tapes or parts of the conversations on tapes by SHEARS and others are not necessarily pertinent to this matter, but are being made available in any event. Many of the tapes involve telephone conversations recorded by SHEARS. COHEN admitted that it was at times very difficult if not impossible to interpret the meaning of some of the conversations or the identities of the individuals involved.

COHEN stated that he had no additional information of possible value in this matter at this time.

Interviewed on 2/15/72 at Bakersfield, California File # SC 44-443
by SA [REDACTED] & - 2 - CNS:kdw Date dictated 2/18/72
SA [REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 2/18/72

JACQUES LEVY of 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California, telephone [REDACTED] 542-0609, a writer by profession, appeared in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Bakersfield, California, with JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) and furnished the following information:

Twenty cassette tapes have been made available to him by LARRY SHEARS, former informant for the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Department (ATFD) of the U.S. Treasury Department, upon instructions of JERRY COHEN. These tapes are of approximately sixty minutes duration each, thirty minutes to the side and most concern the death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ, UFWOC Director. The tapes contain conversations, some telephonic, between SHEARS, ATFD agents, and other individuals. On many of the tapes, no dates are mentioned, nor is SHEARS or others identified by name or otherwise. As a result, it is extremely difficult to properly understand the purposes of some of the conversations.

He also mentioned that many conversations on the tapes are apparently not pertinent to the matter at hand.

Since recordings are on both sides of each cassette tape, he has numbered the twenty tapes one through forty (two numbers to each tape). He made available to SA [REDACTED] ten cassette tapes numbered one through twelve and seventeen through twenty-four. He will have copies of ten additional tapes, numbered thirteen through sixteen and twentyfive through forty made by February 23 or February 24, 1972, and will make these tapes available to the FBI at Santa Rosa, California. He suggested that he be telephoned on February 23, 1972, before being personally contacted concerning the matter.

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 by SA [REDACTED] & - 3 -
SA [REDACTED] CNS:kdw Date dictated 2/18/72

Mr. LEVY stated that tapes numbered twenty-nine through forty are considered by him to be very pertinent to this matter.

He also made available 374 pages of typed and handwritten information he has compiled concerning the CHAVEZ death plot. He said these are conversations involving SHEARS and others, some taped transcriptions, information from the news media, numerous pieces of miscellaneous information, and a summary of some of the tape recordings.

LEVY stated that his main involvement in this matter was to eventually write a book concerning the death plot.

LEVY requested that the ten cassette tape recordings made available and all tapes furnished to the FBI in the future be copied and returned to him as soon as possible.

Airtel

TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)
FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593)

2/28/72

1 - [REDACTED]

UNSUBS ST 101 REC-66
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/18/72, at Sacramento and
Buairtel 2/17/72.

For your information, the ten cassette tapes and 374 pages of typed and written material have been furnished to the CRD, Department for their review. In regards to your request to make additional copies of the cassette tapes, this is being held in abeyance pending review by CRD to determine whether the contents are pertinent to this matter to require copies be made of same. In the event the CRD determines they are not pertinent to this inquiry, the tapes will be returned to your office for delivery to Mr. Levy. Any additional tapes submitted will be handled in the same manner.

A review of the 374 pages of typed and written material particularly pages 107 and 362 indicates your office has had prior contacts with Larry Shears, the informant in this matter. Shears refers to having been in contact with Agent [REDACTED]

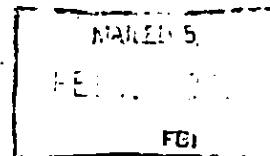
By return mail, furnish Bureau complete details of Agent [REDACTED] contacts with Shears and any other information in your files regarding Shears.

Insure prior contacts with Shears were properly handled. If not properly handled, obtain explanations and include recommendations for any administrative action.

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Airtel to SAC, Sacramento

NOTE:

This is the matter involving alleged plot to assassinate Cesar Chavez, well-known California group labor organizer. At the request of CRD, Department, we are conducting a limited investigation. CRD requested we obtain tapes and other material in possession of one Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW) of which Chavez is the leader. Tapes and materials obtained by our Sacramento Office and have been furnished to CRD for their review. Only one copy of ten cassette tapes available and pursuant to CRD, they were furnished directly to CRD along with 374 pages of typed and written material. Tapes and written material obtained from Jacques Levy, a free-lance writer who interviewed one Larry Shears, the original source of the plot against Chavez. Levy's interview with Shears was taped and later partially transcribed on 374 pages. Based on Levy's interview with Shears, various officials of United Auto Workers (UAW) and UFW contacted our WFO and requested an investigation. Results of interviews with these officials furnished CRD which subsequently requested a limited investigation, namely, to obtain the aforementioned tapes and written materials available in this matter. Tapes sent to CRD directly at their request and not reviewed by Bureau. Copy of written materials (374 pages) which appear to be a transcription of aforementioned tapes was reviewed. The 374 pages basically reflect interview that Levy, Cohen and his associates had with Shears, a former informant for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD), U. S. Treasury Department during December, 1971, as a result of Shears revelations to a local television station, Delano, California, area during August, 1971. Shears revealed to the TV station that a plot was underway to kill Chavez and that ATFD, and local authorities were aware of it but took no action. The transcription of the interview of Shears by Levy included conversations Shears taped of individuals he alleged were involved in the plot and also his telephonic contact with several agents of ATFD and local and state authorities (police). The transcription is a rambling, disjointed account of Shears' contact with ATFD and his associates. Levy's efforts to pin down Shears for concrete evidence were fruitless. The tape recordings Shears made of conversations he had with several individuals he alleged were involved in the plot were worthless as no mention or admission by these individuals were made. Shears only reply to Levy when this point was raised was "the implication is there" or "these guys talk in a different language not easily understood by the average person." Shears' allegations concerning the plot appear to be a complete fabrication and obviously the result of refusal by ATFD to pay him any additional money unless he could produce additional information of the plot against Chavez. Shears, in the transcription, alludes to having contact with an FBI Agent [REDACTED] (Bakersfield, California) in a ~~rogue~~ manner; however, in view of the unreliability and unpredictability of Shears, Sacramento being instructed to resolve the reference to Agent [REDACTED] 353

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SACRAMENTO	DATE 2/29/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/23/72
TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ER
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] SC, 2/18/72.

- RUC -

ENCLOSURE: To Sacramento - 1 copy of transcription of tapes 1-40 furnished by JACQUES LEVY.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The ten cassette tapes made available by JACQUES LEVY are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, with the request that the Bureau make two copies of each tape, one for the office of origin and one to be returned to San Francisco for delivery to JACQUES LEVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 USA, San Francisco

Report of:

Date: 2/29/72

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 44-1218

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIMCharacter: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTSSynopsis: ~~JACQUES LEVY, 4720 Mount Taylor, made available~~ on 2/23/72, ten cassette tapes concerning captioned by ~~LARRY SHEARS~~, and transcription copy of each tape.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/28/72

JACQUES LEVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, made available cassette tapes of LARRY SHEARS numbered 13 and 14, 15 and 16, 25 and 26, 27 and 28, 29 and 30, 31 and 32, 33 and 34, 35 and 36, 37 and 38, and 39 and 40, along with one copy of a type-written transcription for tapes 1 through 40.

LEVY advised that these tapes were numbered for identification and are not in chronological order as they were made.

Copy of transcription of tapes furnished by LEVY is attached.

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On 7/23/72 at Santa Rosa, California File # SC 44-443
SF 44-1217

by ██████████Date dictated 7/23/72

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FILE COPY

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/23/72
(your file).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent dated 2/29/72
at San Francisco.

--- A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc.

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NOTE:

Tapes mentioned in note of referenced memorandum and attached report are enclosed. Copies of transcription mentioned in attached report being obtained from our Sacramento Office and will be forwarded to you upon receipt at the Bureau. No copies of tapes being made by the Bureau pending review of same by your Department which is in accordance with conversation between Mr. Frank Allen of your Department and Supervisor [REDACTED] on 2/17/72, as mentioned in referenced memorandum.

Airtel

TO: SACs, Sacramento (44-443)
San Francisco (44-1218)
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FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593)

3/3/72

1 - [REDACTED]

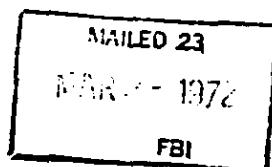
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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/29/72, at
San Francisco, and reBuairtel dated 2/28/72.

SC If not already done, promptly furnish Bureau with two copies
of transcription of tapes 1 - 40 sent as enclosure to rerep for dissemination
to CRD and one copy for Bufiles. Insure USA, Sacramento also receives
copy of same.

Tapes mentioned in rerep being furnished directly to CRD,
Department, for their review and no copies of same being made by Bureau
unless specifically requested by Department.

Any inquiries received from Mr. Jacques Levy regarding his
tapes should be answered to the effect the tapes are being reviewed by CRD
and upon completion of same and/or request of CRD that copies be made
by Bureau, they will be returned to Levy at earliest date, either directly by
CRD or through the Bureau.



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Date: 3/10/72

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: ~~Mr. SAC, SACRAMENTO~~ (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated
2/29/72 at San Francisco, and Bureau airtel dated 3/3/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies
each of transcription of Tapes 1 - 40, which were sent
as enclosures to referenced report to Sacramento.

These copies are being sent for dissemination
to CRD, and one copy for Bureau files. The United States
Attorney, Sacramento, has been provided a copy of these
transcripts.

Any inquiry received from Mr. JACQUES LEVY
regarding his tapes will be answered as set forth in
referenced Bureau airtel.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

3/13/72

FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593) — 9

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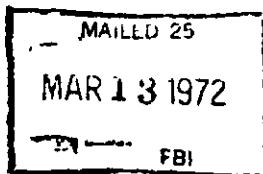
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One copy of transcription of tapes 1 - 40 has been furnished to CRD. A review of the transcription, specifically that segment under caption, "Tape 5" and "Cassette 13" refers to contact with Agent [REDACTED]

By return mail, furnish Bureau complete details of Agent [REDACTED] contact with Shears and/or clarification of remarks made under aforementioned captions.

Insure prior contacts with Shears were properly handled. If not properly handled, obtain explanations and include recommendations for any administrative action.

If not already done, immediately respond to instructions set forth in reBuairtel.



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Airtel to SAC, Sacramento

NOTE:

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By airtel dated 3/10/72, Sacramento furnished a transcription of tapes 1 - 40 in this matter. The tapes are again a rambling account of conversations Shears had between various Federal, state and local officials and his cronies. The conversations Shears taped provide little or no information of a plot against the life of Cesar Chavez. No one on any of the tapes furnishes any information of a positive fashion that would indicate a plot ever existed except in the mind of Shears. Parts of transcription captioned "Tape #5" and "Cassette 13" refer to conversations Shears had with Agent [REDACTED] (FBI) concerning information Shears had about a possible deserter - fugitive but no mention is made of Chavez plot. In view of unreliability and unpredictability of Shears, this is being clarified as set forth in this communication to Sacramento.

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Date: 3/13/72

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Mr. Tolson _____
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 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Tavel, ES _____
 Mrs. Rosen _____
 Mrs. Mohr _____
 Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-515953) *7*

FROM: *AM* SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB
 CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
 INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

44-515953-1
 Re Bureau airtel dated 2/28/72.

Referenced airtel requested the Bureau be furnished complete details of Agent [REDACTED] contacts with LARRY SHEARS, the informant in captioned matter. Agent [REDACTED] has furnished the following information:

On 6/21/71, LARRY SHEARS telephonically contacted the FBI Resident Agency, Bakersfield, California, and talked to SA [REDACTED]. SHEARS was in a very excited, emotional state, and stated that his life was in danger, as the California State Bureau of Narcotics, for whom he had been operating as an informant, had "blown him" as an informant. SHEARS stated he did not know who he could turn to for help, inasmuch as he did not trust the Kern County Sheriff's Office, for whom he had also been operating as an informant.

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Approved:

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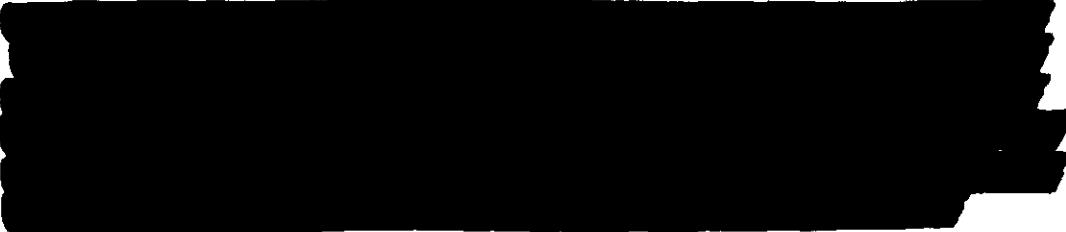
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In view of the foregoing, it appears that contacts with SHEARS were properly handled and no administrative action should be taken concerning SA



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Date: 3/15/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: ~~JULY~~ SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB~~S~~
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento dated 3/13/72,
and Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 3/13/72.

Referenced Sacramento airtel sets forth
clarification of contact between SHEARS and Special
Agent [REDACTED]

It is noted that [REDACTED] with whom SHEARS
had numerous conversations, is an ATF Agent assigned to
Bakersfield, California, whose office is in close
proximity to the FBI Resident Agency.

There was no contact with SHEARS by an FBI
Agent as possibly inferred in the conversation between
SHEARS and [REDACTED] in "Tape 5".

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Date: 6/8/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: 

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1218) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento dated 3/3/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies, and
for Sacramento one information copy of an LHM.

For information of Bureau, San Francisco has not
been in recent contact with JACQUES LEVY and has not received
any more tapes or examination results of a Polygraph test
on SHEARS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject
Cesar Chavez - Victim
Interference with Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: MAR 9 1973

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On February 28, 1973, Jerry Cohen, counsel for the United Farm Workers advised that he had filed suit on behalf of the United Farm Workers against certain lettuce growers and teamster union in the United States District Court in San Francisco, California, under Sherman Antitrust Act and 42 U.S.C. 1983. He stated that there were allegations of discrimination on the basis of race made in the complaint and there would be issues turning upon this question which would be litigated.

Please obtain copies of all pleadings filed in this matter in the district court, and if possible, obtain a copy of the clerk's docket sheet.

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Transmit in Via Airtel (Priority)

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 To: REC-10 SAC, San Francisco
 Acting
 From: Director, FBI *YY-51513-13*

Date 3/15/73

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 CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
 INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - [REDACTED]

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 3/9/73.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27,
Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 14 days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a XX limited investigation and underscore the word XX Limited.
 preliminary XX preliminary

Advise XX all persons interviewed

XX appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, referring to him by name as well as title.

Remarks:

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RE: UNSUB; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

NOTE: CRD, USDJ, advised that attorneys for the United Farm Workers Union had filed suit on behalf of the Union against lettuce growers and Teamsters Union in USDC, SF, and further alleged discrimination on the basis of race in the complaint of this suit. The Department requested copies of all pleadings filed and a copy of the clerk's docket sheet.

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TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; O CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ER
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to San Francisco, 3/15/73.

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ENCLOSURE: To the Bureau -

A legal-size folder containing a copy of all pleadings in the matter entitled CESAR CHAVEZ et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, Civil 73-0009, USDC, SF, plus a copy of the Clerk's Docket Sheet, affixed in the file.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

For the information of Sacramento, previously designated office of origin in this matter, the enclosures designated for the Bureau were obtained based on the following memo from J. STANLEY

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POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Section,
U. S. Department of Justice:

"On February 28, 1973, Jerry Cohen, counsel for the United Farm Workers advised that he had filed suit on behalf of the United Farm Workers against certain lettuce growers and teamster union in the United States District Court in San Francisco, California, under Sherman Antitrust Act and 42 U.S.C. 1983. He stated that there were allegations of discrimination on the basis of race made in the complaint and there would be issues turning upon this question which would be litigated."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:
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3/23/73

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 44-1218

Bureau File #: 44-51593

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIMCharacter: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] USDC, SF, California, made available a copy of the action entitled CESAR CHAVEZ, et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, Civil 73-0009, plus the Clerk's Docket Sheet.

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On March 23, 1973, [REDACTED] Office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, made available a copy of his entire file entitled CESAR CHAVEZ, et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, civil 73-0009, as well as a copy of the Clerk's Docket Sheet.

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[REDACTED] was advised this material was being obtained at the specific request of J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Acting
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE:

4/30/73

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/16/73
(your file).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (44-1218)

From: Acting Director, FBI (44-51593)- [REDACTED] 1 - [REDACTED]

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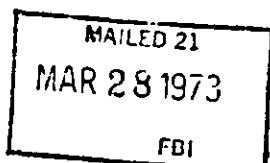
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ReSFrep of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/73.

By return mail, submit appropriate number of amended page 1 of rerep deleting the statement mentioning J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice. You are referred to Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, Item D(6) which in essence states that details of a report should contain no reference to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. Dissemination of rerep being held in abeyance pending receipt.

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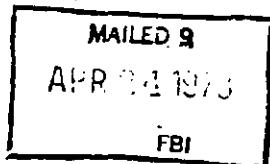
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ReSFrep of SA [REDACTED], 3/23/73.

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DATE: 4/27/73

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SUBJECT: UNSUB
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This case was closed in the Sacramento Office by memorandum on 7/19/72.

Sacramento did not receive a copy of Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 3/15/73 and since no leads were set forth for Sacramento in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/73, at San Francisco, this case was not reopened and remains in a closed status.

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